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SUBJECT: DHEW/PHS/NIH/SFCP AGREEMENT 03-035-N, IMMUNOLOGICAL STUDY IN REPTILES, DR. M. F. HUSSEIN AND DR. N. BADIR, PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

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1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM DR. AHMED BADRAN, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE THAT DR. M. F. HUSSEIN AND DR. N. BADIR SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO NIH ON NOVEMBER 7, 1977, REQUESTING RENEWAL OF THEIR PROJECT. NIH HAS NO RECORD THAT THEY ALSO SUBMITTED THEIR APPLICATION FOR REVIEW BY THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH IN CONFORMANCE WITH JWG PROCEDURES ADOPTED IN JULY 1977.

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2. NIH REVIEW IS NEARING COMPLETION. NIH AND DR. ROBERT AUERBACH, U.S. COLLABORATOR, ARE CONCERNED, ON BASIS OF INFORMATION FROM DR. HUSSEIN, THAT AS A RESULT OF THE TRANSITION TO NEW REVIEW SCHEME, PROJECT WILL TERMINATE AND FUNDS WILL BE EXPENDED BEFORE REVIEW IS COMPLETE. IF SUCH A SITUATION IS IMMINENT, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH DR. AHMED BADRAN AND RECOMMEND

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES TO NIH.

3. NIH IS AWARE, FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIAN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS, THAT THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THESE NEW PROCEDURES APPLY TO COMPETING CONTINUATION APPLICATIONS. THEY BELIEVE THE INITIAL APPROVAL IS EFFECTIVE INDEFINITELY. NIH IS PLANNING TO INFORM ALL EGYPTIAN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS OF NIH PROJECTS AND THEIR U.S. COLLABORATORS OF THESE REVIEW PROCEDURES PROMPTLY TO AVOID SUCH MISUNDERSTANDING. VANCE

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